



# St Bernadette's Roman Catholic Primary School

*Live the Gospel and when necessary use words*



## Bernadette's Blog

### Nativity Plays

Our Early Years children have been very busy this week, staging their Nativity plays. Our Nursery Classes performed "An Easy Cheesy Nativity" The morning and afternoon classes sang and acted their hearts out.

Our Reception Class performed an old favourite of ours "Whoops-A-Daisy Angel!" As always the children sang beautifully and delivered all their lines, brilliantly.

A huge "thank you!" to everyone who came along to support the children and to the staff who always do such an amazing job, creating memorable performances.



# Living Lights of Love



On Monday and Tuesday afternoon our "Living Lights of Love" services were held.

Children read, as beautiful gold and silver stars inscribed with the names of loved family member and friends, who have died, were hung on our special trees.

The darkness of the hall was then transformed as the fairy lights on the trees were lit.

It was a very moving ceremony and we are so glad that so many of you were able to come along and support us.

All the names have been copied into our St. Bernadette's Family Remembrance Book.

Special thanks to Mrs Walton for arranging this for us.

An amazing £196 was raised. Thank you.

On Tuesday morning Mrs Fallon was blown away by a "Random Act of Kindness for Advent" performed by Rebecca in Year 6 and her mum.

They were so touched by Monday afternoon's service that they went out and bought a real conifer tree and presented it to the school. This is to be planted in the school grounds as a permanent reminder of all those loved ones.

Mrs Fallon and Mrs Walton hope to watch it grow to its full height before they retire!



Our amazing Christmas Choir singing their hearts out and spreading joy at Beacon Hill's Christmas Fayre. Thanks to all parents and grandparents who brought them along!

# Advent News and Travelling Cribs



Our Joyous Advent Calendar has already become a huge hit. We all look forward to seeing what little nugget of joy will land in our inbox each day.

We have had songs, stories, pledges and promises amongst other things so far. Can't wait to see what the next week will bring!



Ollie really enjoyed singing the song and talking about what Christmas means to him, when he took the travelling crib home.

Phoebe  
Very much enjoyed sharing the travelling crib with her family.



Here is Josephine saying her prayers for Baby Jesus.

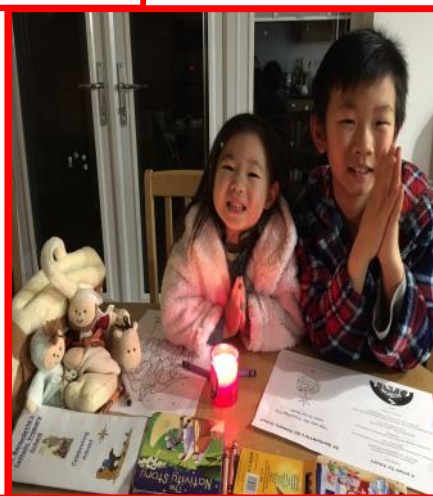


Isabel loved having the travelling crib at home. She spent time with her Family, thinking about the true meaning of Christmas.

Below you can see, Faye. She shared her travelling crib with big brother, Ewan. It made a great bedtime story!



Alfie shared the travelling crib with his little brother, Oliver. He told him the story of Jesus' birth.



If you would like to share your family's travelling crib photographs with us please send them to:

[christine.mcconville@ntlp.org.uk](mailto:christine.mcconville@ntlp.org.uk)

# PTA News

## More Travelling Cribs



### Christmas Fayre

The PTA were delighted with the great turn out for the Christmas Fayre last Saturday.

As yet, we do not have a final figure for how much money was raised. We shall let you know when we do. But every penny of it will be spent on the children.

If you were unable to come on Saturday and would like to purchase your child's Snowman Bauble, it's not too late.

These are available from the school office for £1.50.

All our raffle prizes have been given out-a full list of winners is available in the school office for anyone who wishes to see it.

Time now for Alison and her amazing elves to put their feet up-at least for a moment or two!

We just want to say, that we know how much effort goes in behind the scenes to arrange these events and we are so, so grateful to each and every one of you.



Twice the fun, as Joshua and Hannah both got their class travelling cribs. They enjoyed sharing them with Sophie and Charlotte.



Hannah enjoyed the travelling crib coming home with her. I bet it brought back memories for big sister, Suzie.



Jessica took the travelling crib home for the very first time, this week. She enjoyed sharing it with her family. Let's hope it starts a new tradition!

# Christmas Dinner Day

Yesterday, Dot and her brilliant team served a fantastic Christmas Dinner for us all. Delicious!



**After School Clubs** are now finished, with the exception of Phil's footy and Mini-Vinnies. These will still be on next week. The one outstanding Christmas Crafts session will be rearranged. Parents will be notified when we know which night it is to be held.

Thank you!

# Sumdog Winners! Congratulations!

A couple of weeks ago, some of the teachers in school entered their classes into an online maths competition called 'Sumdog', where pupils answer 1000 maths questions. This competition was entered by hundreds of children in schools across North Tyneside. We are delighted to tell you that we had many winners! Mrs Walker's, Miss Hall's and Miss Harrison's class all won a 'Daily Winner' class certificate. However some of our amazing Y2 pupils came in the top 10 of all of the pupils entered. A huge well done to Katie Swabey, Mia



# 7000 Books Before Summer!

## Our Reading Challenge Update

### Our Reading Challenge

By last Friday, the total of books read by children in school reached

**721!**

Y1/2 are in the lead. The bookworm continues to grow each week!

Our special lunch for the winners of our Wonderful Readers Draw took place on Monday. Congratulations to those who won. We hope you enjoyed your lunch as much as Miss Harrison and Mrs Walker did.

Remember, the more books you read, the more tickets you will have entered into the draw! Good luck!!



### Reading Corner of the Week

Reading can take you anywhere!

Year 5/6 know this! They have the sign-post to prove it.

These are just some of the places they like to visit.



# Sports/Achievements Page



Hollie wasn't feeling great at the weekend, but she didn't let that stop her! She soldiered on to gain third place in the tumble and the trampette in her competition in Preston. Congratulations, Hollie. Everyone is very proud of your resilient attitude!



There is no stopping Berry and Mia, either. They are delighted to have passed their Stage 6 swimming award. Well done, girls!



Let's have a cheer for Grace! She was awarded a distinction for her Cheer Dance. This is the highest grade possible. We are thrilled for you, Grace!



Here is Olivia with her long awaited Stage 4 swimming badge. We are all so proud of you, Olivia!

May had TWO certificates to share with her class! Dancing and swimming! Well done, May!



Here is Joe with his Stage 4 swimming badge and Aimee with her Stage 8. We are all so proud of you both!



Well done. Rosa! Stage 8 swimming award for you too!



We love to hear all about your achievements! If you want to be on this page, take a photo and please send it to: [christine.mcconville@ntlp.org.uk](mailto:christine.mcconville@ntlp.org.uk)

# More Sports/Achievements



Katie has been fantastically busy this week! She passed her Stage 5 swimming badge, got her orange belt in karate and jumped over the rainbow, to join Brownies in the new year. Wow!!!



Jessica was thrilled to gain her Stage 8 swimming award this week. She is moving onto Rookie Lifeguard Training next. Brilliant!



Freya is appearing in not one, not two but THREE pantomimes!!!  
She is busy in rehearsals at the moment.  
Good luck with the shows, Freya!  
We hope you enjoy every moment.



Tyler has achieved his Stage 3 and 10m swimming awards!  
Well done, Tyler!  
Your mum is worried you are catching her up!





If you are doing any last minute Christmas shopping online we would be really grateful if you browsed through easy fundraising.

It's really easy to join and use, there is even a app you can download.

Simply login to

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stbernadettesrcpswallsend/> and select your fa-



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## Donations



£546.76

## Supporters



44

members in total

Thank you to our 4  
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# Tuck Shop Managers



To all of the tuck shop team,

Wishing you a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year!

Best wishes

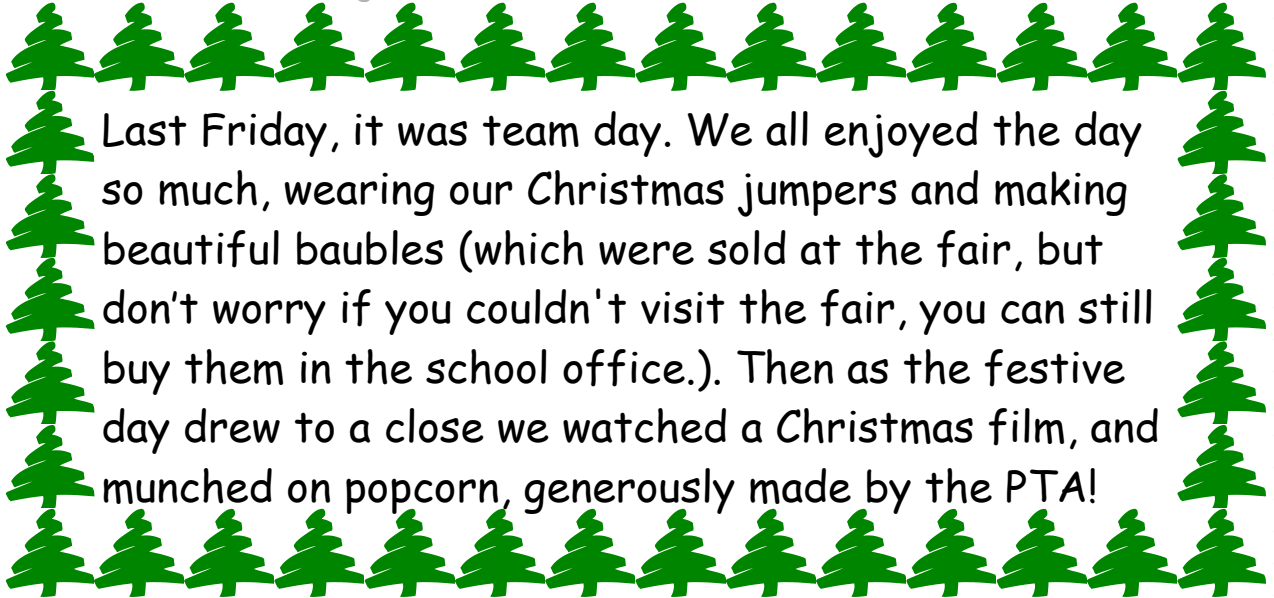
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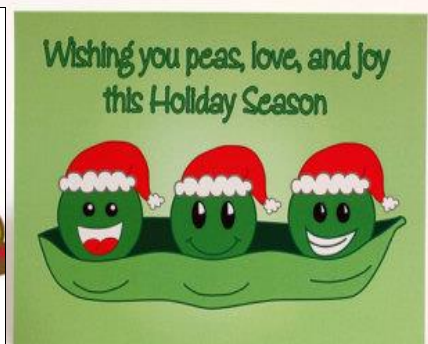


Last Friday, it was team day. We all enjoyed the day so much, wearing our Christmas jumpers and making beautiful baubles (which were sold at the fair, but don't worry if you couldn't visit the fair, you can still buy them in the school office.). Then as the festive day drew to a close we watched a Christmas film, and munched on popcorn, generously made by the PTA!

**Since we are approaching Christmas, we have chose some Christmas puns, to get you in the Christmas spirit!**

## riddle corner

**What do you see: once in a year, twice in a week but never in a night or a day?**





## St. Bernadette's Christmas Diary

We know how busy families are around Christmas time-so here once again is a reminder of the dates for all the events planned here at school.

We hope it makes it easier for you to make arrangements in advance.

**Saturday 3rd December—PTA Christmas Fair**

**Wednesday 7th December—Nursery Nativity**

**Morning 9.30am Afternoon 1.30pm**

**5pm Choir singing at Beacon Hill-parents welcome**

**Friday 9th December—Reception Nativity 9.30am**

**Friday 9th December—Year 3 and 4 Party**

**4.30pm-6pm (Church Hall)**

**Year 5 and 6 Party 6.30-8pm (Church Hall)**

**Wednesday 14th December—Key Stage 1 Nativity**

**2pm (Year 1 Relatives Only)**

**Thursday 15th December—Key Stage 1 Nativity**

**9.30am (Year 2 Relatives Only)**

**Thursday 15th December—Key Stage 1 Party**

**1.30-3.30pm**

**Friday 16th December—Reception Party 1.30pm**

**Tuesday 20th December—Key Stage 2**

**Performance 6pm (St. Bernadette's Church)**

Mass: Sunday 11.15 am  
Fr John McElhone— 0191 2623820

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# Star of the Week

**Come Home For Christmas**

**There's a place for you**  
"If only you knew what God is offering"

There's an empty chair at our table that we think is for you!

St Aidan's Parish Community warmly invites you to join them in their celebrations throughout the Christmas Season

Service of Reconciliation : 20th December 7pm

St Cuthbert's North Shields

Christmas Eve: 6.30pm Carols 7.00pm Mass St Aidan's  
Christmas Day: 10.00am Mass St Bernadette's

Join us for light refreshments in our Parish Room after Mass on Christmas Eve

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Nursery am	Everyone for
Nursery pm	performances!
Reception (DM)	Everyone for a
Reception (AR)	brilliant performance!
Year 1	Evan
Year 1/2	Bobby E
Year 2	Oliver
Year 3	Xander
Year 3/4	Nefeli
Year 4	Sadie
Year 5	Annie
Year 5/6	Millie B
Year 6	Madison

## Dates for your Diary

9th December 4.30pm-6pm LKS2 Party

6.30pm-8pm UKS2 Party

See previous page for events coming up!

For more dates check out our website at

[www.st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk](http://www.st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk)

Attendance of the week

Miss Smith

Congratulations!

100%

**Joy**



# Our Mission Value